



Week Three

Opening Praying

God, thank you for meeting us here. Help us to hear from you today. We want what you have for us. Amen.

Talk It Over

Our culture loves superheroes and the stories they represent.

- Who was your favorite superhero growing up? What was it about that story or superhero that captivated you?
- As an adult, who's your favorite superhero and why?

Read John 6:63 (Voice) and Hebrews 4:12 (New Living Translation)

This week we looked at the idea that the Bible has a unique and supernatural capacity to change us when we allow it to. The Bible reminds us who we are and what our lives are meant to be about.

- Has God ever changed you through the Bible? Tell us about that meaningful encounter or process.
- While the Bible is meant to help us change, too often the Bible is used as a tool to cut others down. Has someone ever hurt you by using the Bible as a weapon of sorts? Maybe their intentions and heart were good, but their tactic was off. Tell us about that experience and let us know what would have been more helpful.

This week we looked at five ways God changes us through the Bible:

- 1. Jesus recreates my life through his word.**
Read James 1:18, 21 (New Living Translation)
- 2. Jesus eradicates my guilt through his word.**
Read Ephesians 5:25-26 (Voice)
- 3. Jesus stimulates my growth through his word.**
2 Timothy 3:16 (Voice)
- 4. Jesus elevates my mood through his word.**
Read James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation)
- 5. Jesus liberates my potential through his word.**
Read John 8:31-32 (Voice)

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With the above list in mind, consider the following questions:

- Have you recently experienced meaningful change through any of the five areas listed above?
- All five of the ways God changes us through the Bible involve us connecting with God. Overall, how do you feel you are doing at connecting with God this season? What's working for you and what are you lacking?
- Which of the five ways God changes us through the Bible are you wanting more of this season? Are you most hungry for God to recreate your life, to eradicate your guilt, to stimulate your growth, to elevate your mood, or to liberate your potential? Tell us about your desire.

Challenge One / Homework:

Try to take a few minutes this week to connect with God's love through his word. Keep your desire for how you want God to change you in mind and be open to what he has for you in the space you have created.

Challenge Two / Homework: If you haven't done so, Consider committing to the summer scripture reading plan we heard about this week at church. The plan was given to you in your program and can also be found on the EastLake Church app which is accessible on iPhone and Androids.

Closing Prayer

God, we want to live the life you have for us. Help us to be transformed by you. We want what you have for us. Amen.